

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to express his appreciation to the Examiner for the many courtesies extended to Applicant's counsel during a personal interview on June 19, 2002. Since the Examiner was in the process of moving offices, no Interview Summary Form was created with the expectation that this response would include a summary of the interview. The Examiner and the undersigned discussed the prior art applied against the references and the scope and interpretation of the claims, but no agreement was reached as to patentability.

Nevertheless, the claims provided with this response have been carefully crafted to distinguish over the main reference as the Examiner interprets it as explained during the interview.

For the reasons given, Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance and Applicant requests that the Examiner give the application favorable consideration and permit it to issue as a patent.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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